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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-27.

Please add the following new claims 28-53:

28. A suction tube for drawing powder containing medicament from a blister (12) comprising a cavity (19) sealed by a covering film (37), the suction tube comprising an elongate body (62) which includes an inlet section (63) at one end thereof, which inlet section (63) includes an inlet (65), an outlet section (67) at the other end thereof, which outlet section (67) includes an outlet (69) and provides a mouthpiece, and an inhalation channel (71) providing fluid communication between the inlet (65) and the outlet (69) through which powder is in use drawn on inhalation by a user, the inlet section (63) having a cutting assembly (64) comprising at least one cutting blade (127) which includes a cutting edge (133) for making a cut in the covering film (37) of a blister (12) and at least one bearing surface (129', 131') for bearing on the covering film

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